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greed by the Archbishops and Bi-(bops of both Provinces, and the whole Cleargie:

In the Connocation holden at London in the yeere of our Lord God 1 5 6 2. According to the computation of the Church of England.

For the avoiding of the diversities of opinions, and for the stablishing of confent touching true

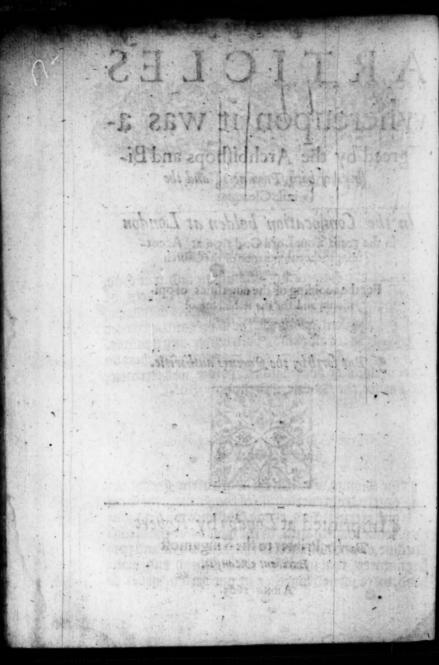
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#### Of faith in the holy Trinitie.



Here is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions, of infinite power, wiledome, and goodnesse, the maker and preserver of all things both visible and innisible. And in write of this Godhead there be

thee persons, of one Abstance, power, and eternitie, the father, the Sonne, and the holy Shoft.

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Of the Word or Sonne of God which was made very man.

The Sonne, which is the wood of the father, begotten from everlasting of the father, the very
and eternal God, of one substance with the father, tooks mans nature in the wombe of the blessed
dirgine, of her substance: so that two whole and pertect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were somed together in one person, never to

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be dinided, whereof is one Chaiff, very God and very man, who truely luffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his father to vs, and to be a facrifice, not onely for originall gilt, but also for all actual linnes of men.

### Of the going downe of Christinto Hell.

A Schrift died for bs, and was buried: fo alfois it to be beleened that he went downe into hell.

#### Of the Refurrection of Christ.

Againe his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of mans nature, wherewith hee ascended into heaven, and there sitteth, butill he returne to judge all men at the last day.

#### Of the holy Ghoft.

The holy Ghoft, proceeding from the father and the Sonne, is of one fubstance, maiestie and glory, with the father and the Sonne, very and eternal God.

## Of the fufficiencie of the holy Scriptures for faluation.

Hold Scripture containeth all things necessarie to saluation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, not may be produed thereby, is not to bee required

quired of any man, that it bould bee beleeved as an Article of the faith, oz be thought requilite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the holy Scripture, wee doe buderstand those Canonical bookes of the o dand new Testament, of whose authoritie was never any doubt in the Church.

Of the names and number of the Canonicall Bookes.

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The 1. Booke of Samuel. The 2. booke of Samuel. The 1. booke of Kings

The 2, booke of Kings.

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The 2. booke of Efdras.
The booke of Hester.

The booke of Iob.
The Pfalmes.
The Prouerbs.

Ecclesiast or Preacher. Cantica, or songs of Salo. 4. Prophets the greater.

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And the other bookes (as Hierome faith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners: but pet doeth it not apply them to establish any doctrine. Such are these following.

The third booke of Eldras.
The 4. booke of Eldras.
The booke of Tobias.

The booke of Iudith.
The rest of the booke of
Hester.

The booke of Wildome.

Ielus the Sonne of Sirach.

Baruch the Prophet.

The fong of the three children.

of Bel and the Dragon.
The praier of Manaffes.
The 1. booke of Machab.
The 2. booke of Machab.

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All the bookes of the new Testament, as they are commonly received, we doe receive and account them Lanonicall.

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The old Testament is not contrarie to the newe, for both in the old a new Testament enertasting life is offered to mankinde by Christ, who is the oneig Addiatour betweene God and man, being both God and man. Wherefore they are not to be heard which feine that the old Fathers did looke onely for transletoric promites. Although the Law ginen from God by Moses, as touching Leremonies and Kites, doe not bind Christian men, nor the Liuil precepts there of ought of necessitie to be received in any Lonmonwealth: yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever, is free from the obedience of the commandements, which are called Morall.

### Of the three Creeds.

The three Creeds, Aice Creed, Athanasius Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles Creed, ought throughly to be received and beleeved: for they may be proved by most certains warrants of holy Scripture.

### Of originall birth or finne.

ORiginall sinne standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians Doe vainely talke) but

tisthe fault and corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is ingendeed of the officeing of Adam, whereby man is very farre cone from originall righteouineffe, and is of his owne nature enclined to enill, to that the fleth lufteth alwaies contrary to the spirit, and therefore in enery person borne into this world, it deferueth Gods wrath and damnation. Indthis infection of nature doeth remaine, pea in them that are regenerated, whereby the luft of the felb, called in Breeke etings oupic, which fome doe expound the boldome, some sensualitie, some the affec= tion, some the desire of the flesh, is not subject to the Lawe of Bod. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized, pet the Inoffiedoth confeste that concupifcence and lust hath ofit felfe the nature offinne.

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The condition of man after the fall of Adam is fuch, that hee cannot turne and prepare himfelfe by his owne naturall strength and good workes to fauth and calling upon God: Wherefore we have no les power to do good workes pleafant and acceptable to ed: God, without the grace of God by Chaift preventing bs, that we may have a good will, and working with gof bs, when we have that good will.

### Of the justification of man.

A LE are accounted righteous befoze God, only for the merit of our Lord & Sauiour Jefus but Christ.

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Chaift by faith, and not for our owne works or defernings. Wherefore, that we are instified by faith onely, is a most whole some doctrine, and very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the Home of Justification.

Of good works.

Albeit that good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after infification, cannot pur away our sinnes, and indure the severity of God indgement, yet are they pleasing and acceptable n GDD in Christ, and doe spring out necessarily of true and lively faith, in so much that by them a luck faith may be as evidently knowne, as a tree discernal by the fruit.

Of works before instification.

VVD2ks done befoze the grace of Christ, and the inspiration of his spirit, are not pleasant to DD, fozas much as they spring not of faith to Jesu Christ, neither doe they make men meet to a ceive grace, or (as the Schoole authors say) desengace of congruitie: yearather for that they arem done as GDD hath willed and commanded that to be done, were doubt not but they have the natural of sinne.

Of the workes of Supererogation.

Voluntary works belides, oner and about 50d commandements, which they call workes fund

dispererogation, cannot bee taught without arrogancie and impletie. For by them men doe declare that they doe not onely render unto God as much as they are bound to doe, but that they doe more for his take then of bounden ductic is required: whereas Chiff taith plainly, when yee have done all that are commaunded to you, tay, wee bee unprofitable feruants.

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#### Of Christ alone without sinne.

Object in the tructh of our nature, was made like but obs in all things (sin onely except) from which he was cleerely boid, both in his field and in his spirit. He came to be a lambe without spot, who by sacrifice of himselfe once made, should take away the sinnes of the world: and sinne (as S. John saith) was not in him. But all wee the rest, (although baptized, and boune agains in Christ) yet offend in many things, and if we say we have no sinne, we deceme our selves, and the tructh is not in bs.

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## Offinne after Baptisme.

Not every deadly sinne willingly committed after Baptisme, is sinne against the holy Ghost, and dispardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sinne after daptisme. After wee have received the holy Ghost, were may depart from grace given, and fall into sinne, and by the grace of God (we may) arise againe, and amend our lives. And therefore, they are to be condemned,

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which fay they can no more sinne as long as they line here, or deny the place of for givenesse to such as truly repent.

### Of Predestination and Election,

Picedestination to life, is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (befoze the foundations of the world were laid) here hath constantly decreed by his counsel, secret to vs, to deliver from curse and damnation, those whom here hath chosen in Christ out of mankinde, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore they which bee indued with so excellent a benefite of God, be called according to Gods purpose by his sprict working in due season: they through grace obey the calling: they bee justified freely: they bee made sonnes of God by adoption: they be made like the Jemage of his onely begotten Sonne Jesus Christ: they walke religiously in good workes, and at length by Gods mercie, they attains to everlasting selicitie.

As the godly confideration of Bredefination and our Election in Christ, is full of tweet, pleasant, and buspeakeable comfort to godly persons, and such as feele in themselves the working of the spirit of Christ, mortifying the workes of the fielh, and their earthly members, and drawing by their minds to high and heavenly things, as well because it doeth greatly established and consume their saith of eternal saluation to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doeth fervently kindle their love tewards God: So, sor curious and carnall persons, lacking the spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eies the sentence of Gods predestination, is a most dangerous downefall.

downefall, whereby the deuill doth thrust them either into desperation, or into retchiefnelle of most bn= cleane lining no leffe perillous then desperation.

furthermoze, wee must receive Gods promites, in fuch wife, as they be generally let foozth to be in holy Scripture: and mour domas, that will of God is to be followed, which we have expressely declared buto bs in the word of God.

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Dep also are to bee had accurled, that presume to Cap, that every man shall be faved by the lawe oz fect which hee voofesseth, so that hee be diligent to frame his life according to that law, and the light of nature. for holy Scripture doeth let out bnto bg onely the name of Jelus Chaift, whereby men muft be faued.

### Of the Church.

The bilible Church of Chaift , is a congregation of faithfull men, in the which the pure word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duely ministred, according to Christs ordinance, in all those things that of necessitie are requilite to the same.

As the Church of Hierusalem, Alexandria, and Antioch have erred: so also the Church of Rome hath erred, not onely in their lining and manner of cere=

monies, but also in matters of faith.

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Of the authoritie of the Church.

The Church bath power to decree Kites of Ceremonics, and authority in controversies of faith: And yet it is not lawfull for the Church to ordaine anything that is contrary to Gods word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church bee a witnesse and a keeper of holy writ: yet as it ought not to becree any thing against the same, so besides the same, ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessitie of saluation.

#### Of the authority of generall Councels.

Contout the commandement and will of Princes. And when they be gathered together (foralmuch as they bee an assembly of men, whereof all bee not governed with the spirit and word of God) they may erre, and sometime have erred, even in things pertaining but God. Wherefore things ordened by them as necessarily to salvation, have neither strength nor anthority, buleste it may be declared that they bee taken out of holy Scripture.

### Of Purgatory.

The Romith doctrine concerning Durgatozie, pardons, worthipping and adoration alwell of Image

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ges, as of reliques, and also innocation of Saints, is a fond thing, bainely invented, and grounded byon no warrantie of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the word of Bod.

Of ministring in the Congregation.

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IT is not lawfull for any man to take byon him the office of publicke preaching, or ministring the Sactaments in the congregation, before hee bee lawfully called and sent to execute the same. And those we ought to indge lawfully called and sent, which bee chosen and called to this worke by men who have publicke authoritie given buto them in the congregation, to call and send Ministers into the Lords bineyard.

Offpeaking in the Congregation, in such a tongue as the people vnderstandeth.

Tis a thing plainly repugnant to the word of God, and the custome of the Primitive Church, to have publicke praier in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments in a tongue not understanded of the people.

### Of the Sacraments.

Sacraments ordeined of Christ, be not onely badges or tokens of Christian mens profession: but rather they bee certaine fixe witnesses and effectuall signes of grace and Gods good will towards bs, by the which hee doeth worke innisibly in bs, and doeth

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not onely quicken, but also strengthen and construction faith in him.

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There are two Sacraments ordeined of Charlow Lord in the Golpell, that is to fay, Baptilme and the

Supper of the Lozd.

Those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say, Confirmatio, Penance, Diders, Patrimoni, and extreame Unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel, being such as have grown partly of the corrupt following of the Apostles, partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures: but you have not like nature of Sacraments with Baptism and the Lordes Supper, for that they have not any bisible signe or ceremonic ordeined of God.

The Sacraments were not ordened of Christ were gated byon, or to bee carried about, but that were should duely ble them. And in such only, as worthly receive the same, they have a wholesome effect or operation: But they that receive them be worthly, purchase to themselves damnation, as S. Paul saith

Of the vinworthinesse of the Ministers, which hinder not the eff. & of the Sacraments.

A Lthough in the visible Church the cuill bee euch mungled with the good, and sometime the euch have chiefe authoritie in the ministration of the word and Sacraments: pet for as much as they doe not the same in their owne name, but in Christs, and doe minister by his commission and authority, were may be their ministerie, both in hearing the word of God, and in the receiving of the Sacraments. Reither is the effect of Christs ordinance taken away by their wicked.

wickednesse, nor the grace of Bods gifts diminished from such, as by faith and rightly doe receive the Sacraments ministred buts them, which bee effectuall, because of Christs institution and promise, although they be ministred by earl men.

Deuerthelesse, it appertament to the discipline of the Church, that inquirie be made of eath Ministers, and that they bee accused by those that have knowledge of their offences: and finally being found guil-

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### Of Baptisme.

Baptisme is not onely a signe of profession, marke of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not Christened: but it is also a signe of regeneration or new birth, whereby, as by an ustrument, they that receive Baptisme rightly, are grafted into the Church: the promises of the forguenesse of sinne, a of our adoption to be the sonness of Sod, by the holy Shost, are visibly signed and sealed: faith is consirmed: and grace increased by vertue of prairer but Sod. The Baptisme of yong children, is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

## Of the Lords Supper.

The Supper of the Lord is not onely a figne of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another: but rather it is a Sacrament of our redemption by Christes death. In so much that

that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith recemethe same, the bread which we breake is a partaking of the body of Christ: and likewise the cupped blessing, is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

Eranflubstantiation (or the chaunge of the Interest of bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be produed by holy writ: but it is repugnant to the plaine words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christis given, taken, and eaten in the Supper onely after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the meane whereby the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is faith.

The Sacrament of the Lozds Supper was not by Christes ordinance referred, carred about, listed up, or worshipped.

Of the wicked which doe not eat the body of Christ in the vie of the Lords Supper.

The wicked, and such as bee boid of a lively faith, although they doe carnally and bisibly presse with their teeth (as S. Augustine sapeth) the Sacrament of the bodie and blood of Christ: yet in no wise an they partakers of Christ, but rather to their condemnation doe eat and drinke the signe or Sacrament of so great a thing.

### Of both kindes.

The cuppe of the Lord is not to bee denned to the Lar people. For both the parts of the Lords

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Sacrament, by Chailes ordinance and commandement ought to be ministred to al Chaistian men alike.

Of the one oblation of Christ finished vpon the Crosse.

The offering of Christ once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and fatisfaction for all the
sinnes of the whole world, both original and actuall,
and there is none other fatisfaction for sinne, but that
alone. Wherefore the facrifices of Masses, in the
which it was commonly faid that the Priests did ofter Christ for the quicke and the dead, to have remission of paine or gift, were blasphemous fables, and
dangerous deceits.

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Of the Mariage of Priefts.

BIbops, Priests, and Deacons, are not commanbed by Gods law either to bow the estate of single life, or to abstaine from mariage. Therefore it is lawfull also for them, as for all other Cstristian men, to mary at their owne discretion, as they shall sudge the same to serve better to godlinesse.

Of excommunicate persons, how they are to be avoided.

That person which by open denunciation of the Church, is rightly cut off from the builtie of the Church, and ercommunicated, ought to bee taken of the whole multitude of the faithfull as an Beathen

and Publicane, butill he be openly reconciled by penance, and recemed into the Church by a Judge that hath authority thereto.

Of the traditions of the Church.

Te is not necessary that traditions and ceremonies be mall places one, or otterly like, for at all times they have beene divers, and may bee changed according to the diversity of Countreies, times, and mens manners, so that nothing be ordained against Gods word. Whosever through his private indgement, willingly and purposely doeth openly breake the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the word of God, and be ordained and approposed by common authoritie, ought to be reduked openly, (that other may feare to doe the like) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurteth the authoritie of the magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weak brethren.

Euery particular of nationall Church, hath authority to ordaine, change, and abolish ceremonies of rites of the Church ordained onely by many authorities of the Church ordained onely by many authorities.

tie, to that all things be done to edifying,

### Of Homilies.

The second booke of Homilies, the senerall titles inhereof we have isined under this Article, both contains a godly and wholesome doctrine, and necescestary for these times, as both the former book of Homilies, which were set foorth in the time of Koward the sixt: and therefore we judge them to bee read in Churches

Churches by the Ministers diligently and distinctly, that they may be biderstanded of the people.

#### Of the names of the Homilies.

I Of the right vie of the Church-

2 Against perill of Idolatrie.

3 Of the repairing and keeping cleane of Churches.

4 Of good workes, first of fasting.

Against gluttonie and drunkennesse.

6 Against excesse of apparell.

7 Of praier.

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8 Of the place and time of praier.

9 That common Praiers and Sacraments ought to bee ministred in a knowen tongue.

ro Of the reuerent estimation of Gods word.

II Of almes doing.

12 Of the nativitie of Christ.

13 Of the passion of Christ.

14 Of the Refurrection of Christ.

15 Of the worthy receiving of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

16 Of the gifts of the holy Ghoft.

17 For the Rogation daies.

18 Of the state of Matrimonie.

19 Of repentance.

20 Against Idlenesse.

21 Against Rebellion.

Of confectation of Bishops and Ministers.

The book of confectation of Archbishops, and Bishops, and ordering of Priests & Deacons, latelie set foorth in the time of Edward the sixt, and con-

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firmed at the same time by authoritie of Parliament, doeth containe all things necessarie to such consecration and ordering: neither hath it any thing, that of it selfe is superstitious or bigodly. And therefore, whosever are consecrated or ordered according to the Rites of that booke, since the second peere of the aforenamed king Edward, but this time, or heereafter shall be consecrated or ordered according to the same littes, we decree all such to bee rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

## Of the Civill Magistrates.

The Queenes Maiestie hath the chiefe power in this Realme of England, and other her dominions, but whom the chiefe government of all estates of this Realme, whether they be Ecclesiasticall or Civill, in all causes doeth appertaine, and is not, nor ought to be subject to any forceine Jurisdiction.

we diver we attribute to the Ducenes Paiestie the chiefe government, by which titles were understand the mindes of some sanderous folkes to be offended: we give not to our Princes the ministring either of Gods word, or of the Sacraments, the which thing the Junications also lately set forth by Elizabeth our Ducene, doeth most plainly testifie: But that onely prerogative which we see to have been given alwaies to algodly Princes in holy Scriptures by God himselfe, that is, that they should tule all estates and degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiassicall or Temporall, and restraine with the Livill sword the studence and enall doers.

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The Lawes of the Bealme may punish Christian men with death, for beinous and greenous offences.

It is lawfull for Christian men, at the commandement of the magistrate, to we are weapons, and serve in the warres.

Of Christian mens goods, which are not common.

The riches and goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as certaine Anabaptists doe falsly boast. Potwithstanding enery man ought of such things as he possesses, liberally to give almost o the poore, according to his abilitie.

#### Of a Christian mans oth.

A Swee confesse that vaine and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James his Apostic: So wee indge that Christian Religion doeth not prohibite, but that a man may sweare when the Magustrate requireth, in a cause offaith and charitie, so it be done according to the Prophets teaching, in instice, indgement a truth.

#### The Ratification.

His booke of Articles before rehearfed, is againe approoued, and allowed to bee holden and executed within the Realme, by the affent and confent of our Souereigne Lady, ELIZABETH by the grace of God, of England, France and Ireland Queene, defendor

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#### The Table.

of the faith, &c. Which Articles were deliberately read, and confirmed agains by the subscription of the hand of the Archbishop and Bishops of the vpper House, and by the subscription of the whole Clergie in the neather house in their Conuocation, in the years of our Lord 1571.



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I G: J: who have read these Articles, do unfainedly offent to all these strictes, and take them m my Judgement to be agreeable to the holy words of Goo.

Memorandum that George Turnbull Parfon of St Mary Creatings in the Diacetse of Norwich. Sid upon Sunday the eight and twentith day of Aprill one thousand, fixe hundred, and eleven in the after none in time of divine firvice . Sit: immediately after the second leson was read in the par Thurch of S: Matt Greatings aforefaire, at Evenings praire there. Tead att and every the Articles contained in this back. and did then and there declare his unfaint asent unto the faide Articles and every of them. In wittingbe whereof, as well th aide George Turnbull , as we whose name are herre underwritten, have heereto Subscribed the same day and react. Georgius Turnball Rector Maria x an indo of the Rapidoction. According to the state poor To who have near they hadred to make the and the first hand to be the companied with the the street plant

